

Friday, October 24, 2003

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Thank You. -Jason Macpherson

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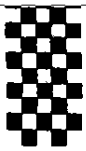
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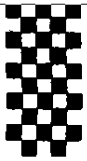
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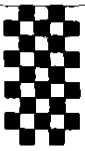
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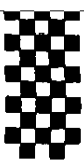
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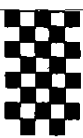
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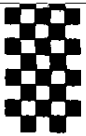
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Teachers need to be able to have access to digital television if they are going to teach students to be media literate. As more communication become visual, students need to learn how to read the world news, events, and propaganda. Without the educational right to "fair use" material on television, teachers would have the insurmountable problem of finding material for students to analyze and evaluate in the real world. Please do not prevent teachers from having access to segments of the History Channel and other valuable segments of broadcasts.

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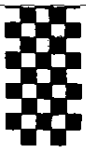
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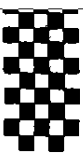
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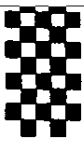
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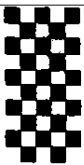
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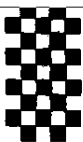
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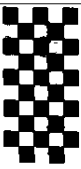
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It seems to me that the end effect of this technology will be to shut out open-source programmers from the market, and also effectively stifle "fair use" by consumers. I for one, see no compelling reason to buy new television equipment (my wife would be shocked to hear that!) if it means having less flexibility than I now have, not more.

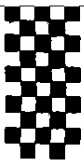
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I thought the FCC was in place to regulate for the good of the citizens, not the good of corporations.

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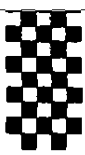
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